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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK, FRIENDS OF SAGUARO, AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA ROADRUNNERS TEAM UP AGAIN FOR 5 MILE RUN.

Part of the BEYOND event on January 11th, 2014

Tucson, AZ— Saguaro National Park, Friends of Saguaro and Southern Arizona Roadrunners are teaming up for a FREE, non-competitive 5 mile social walk/run among the saguaros in the park's Tucson Mountain (West) District, from 8:30am to 10:30am, as part of the **BEYOND:** * Commemorate * Celebrate * Commit, event on Saturday, January 11, 2014.

Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to this free event. The course will be along the Bajada Loop Drive in Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain (West) District, and will include rolling dirt roads and plenty of gorgeous National Park scenery. The start time is at 8:30 a.m. The run will not be timed and participants must register in advance. This event is limited to 400 participants, and registration details can be found at www.azroadrunners.org

BEYOND: * Commemorate * Celebrate * Commit commemorates those we lost on January 8, 2011, celebrates the spirit of togetherness we felt in the days and months following the tragedy, and recommits ourselves to building a stronger, healthier future. On this third anniversary, there will be opportunities to walk, hike, run, stroll, be artistic, learn new skills, and generally come together as a community across the Greater Tucson region.

"This is the third year that Saguaro National Park is participating as a BEYOND community partner," said Superintendent Darla Sidles. "We are proud to offer a healthy opportunity for the community to pay tribute, and connect with friends and family in a beautiful natural setting."

The start/finish area for the event will be located at the Kinney and Hohokam Road intersection. Participants should plan on parking on Kinney Road, northwest of the Red Hills Visitor Center. Traffic at the intersection of Sandario Road between Kinney and Golden Gate Roads will be restricted during the start of the race. Please expect up to a 30 minute delay in traffic until all runners have made the turn off of Sandario Road onto the Golden Gate Road. Once the runners have all passed the checkpoint, the road will reopen to regular traffic.

For more information about this 5-mile run, please contact Estee Rivera Murdock at Esther Rivera@nps.gov or (520) 733-8613. To learn more about **BEYOND**, please go to www.beyond-tucson.org.